

**ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF PREGNANT AND PARENTING TEENS  
DCFS POLICIES, FYIs AND RELATED MATERIALS**

**PROCEDURAL GUIDES:**

- **PG 0100-510-40 – Teen Parents in Foster Care**
- **PG 0600-507-10 – Youth Development – Reproductive Health**

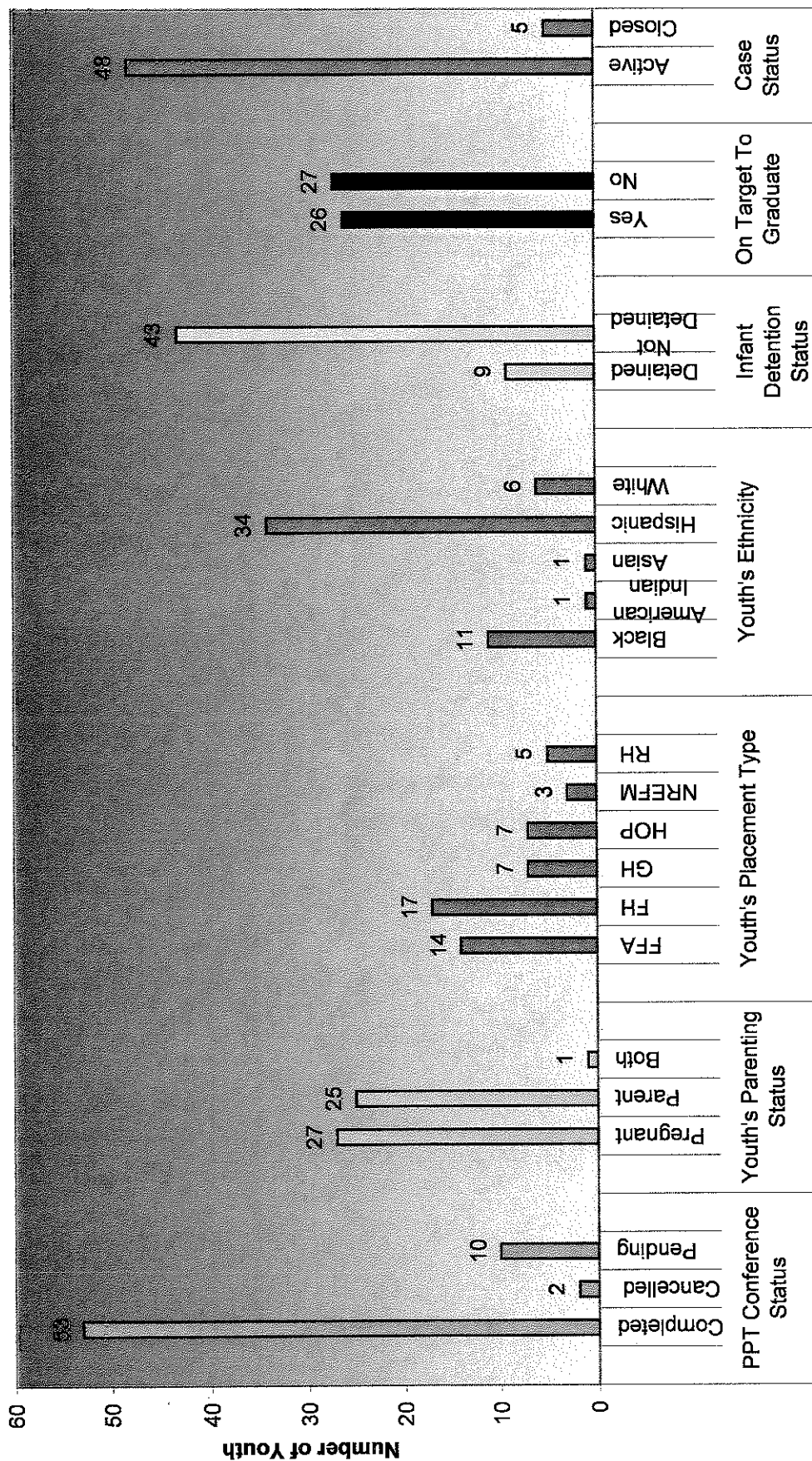
**FYIs:**

- **10-80 – Pregnant and Parenting Teen (PPT) Conference Utilizing the Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) Model**
- **12-21 – Children's Law Center (CLC) Investigator's Participation in Resource Management Process Team Decision Making (RMP TDM) and Pregnant and Parenting Teen (PPT) Process**

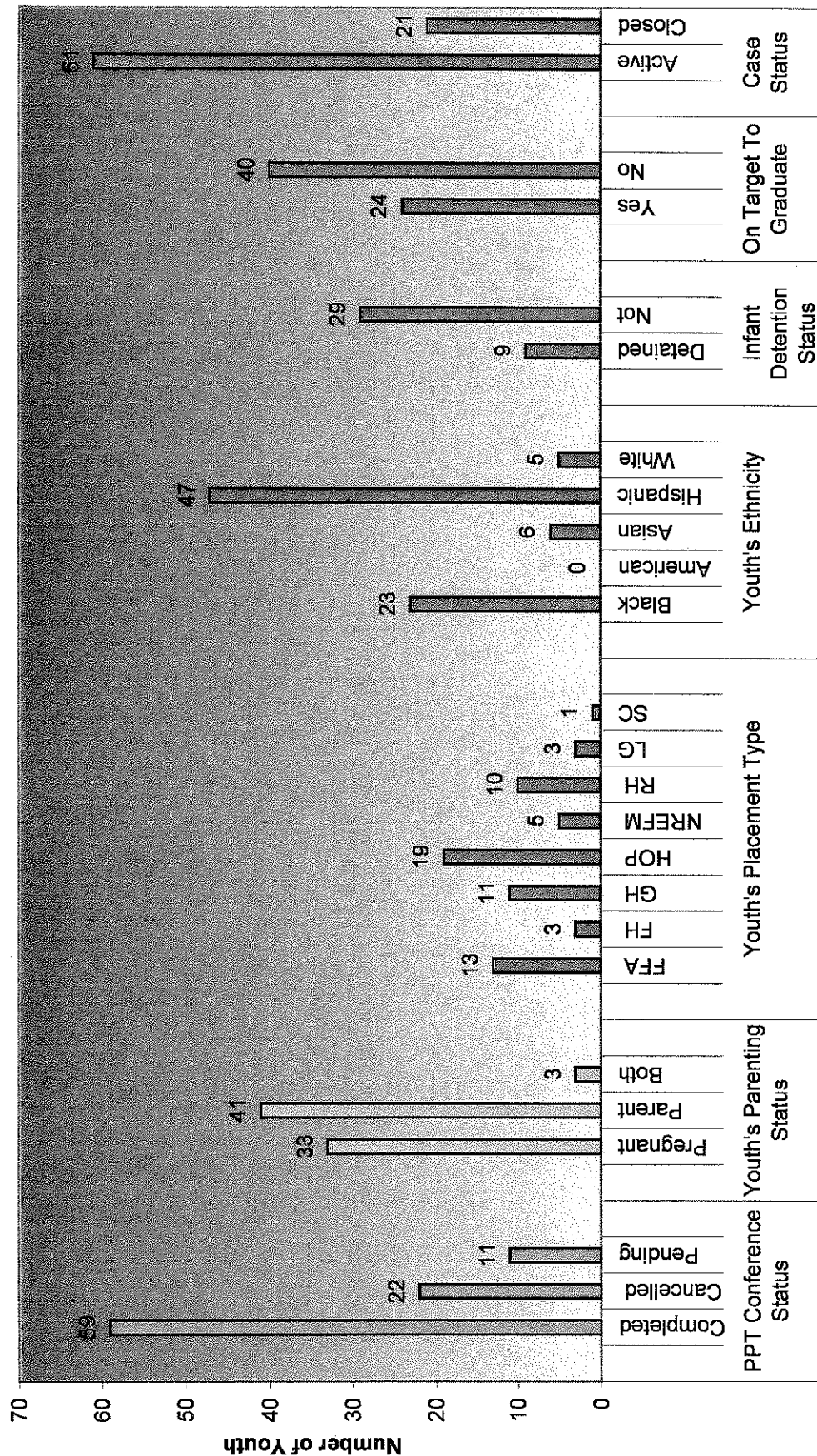
**RESOURCE GUIDES:**

- **Reproductive Health and Parenting Resources for Teens in LA County**
- **Funding Resources Guide to Assist in Meeting the Needs of Pregnant and Parenting Teens**

PPT Conference Status	Youth's Parenting Status			Youth's Placement Type						Youth's Ethnicity				Infant Detention Status		On Target To Graduate		Case Status					
	Completed	Cancelled	Pending	Pregnant	Parent	Both	FFA	FH	GH	HOP	NREFM	RH	Black	American Indian	Asian	Hispanic	White	Detained	Not Detained	Yes	No	Active	Closed
Completed	53	2	10	27	25	1	14	17	7	7	3	5	11	1	1	34	6	9	43	26	27	48	5



**Pregnant & Parenting Teen (PPT) Conferences**  
**January-August 2012**  
**59 PPTs Completed**





# Children's Law Center of California

## **2012 Grant Projects: Reproductive Health**

Pregnancy & Sexually Transmitted Infections Prevention, Supporting Teen Parents and Improving Reproductive Health Communication & Decision Making

CLC is committed to helping our teen clients make healthy and educated sexual and reproductive choices as well as helping already pregnant and/or parenting teens in foster care to succeed. To that end we currently have three grant projects focused on improved outcomes for this vulnerable population:

### **(1) Building Strong Relational Well-Being between Teen Parents in Foster Care and their Babies (First Five Los Angeles - FFLA)**

By increasing our understanding of the needs of young at risk families, this 3-year FFLA grant is directed toward improving outcomes for babies born to teens as well as parenting teens in foster care. The foster care system does not always provide the support and guidance these young families need to develop strong and healthy relationships. This project provides training to CLC attorneys and investigators and will improve our ability to effectively and forcefully advocate for the unique needs of these vulnerable families.

### **(2) Sexual & Reproductive Health Education for Youth, Attorneys and Judges (California Family Health Council, Inc.)**

This is the second year we have received a Special Populations Partnership grant from CFHC. This grant is focused on educating foster youth about sexual and reproductive health issues including intimacy, relationships, decision making, safe sex, sexually transmitted diseases, access to reproductive health services and pregnancy prevention. It provides training to foster youth about their legal right to confidential medical services and how to make informed choices in their personal lives. We are excited to be able to expand this program to Sacramento this year, where we will focus on bringing reproductive health education to teens, attorneys and juvenile court judges.

### **(3) Fostering Hope – The Court's Role in Preventing Pregnancy and STI's**

In partnership with the Juvenile Court, CLC recently began a grant with funding from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and The Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy to increase judicial leadership and attorney involvement in reducing teen pregnancy, high risk sexual behavior and increasing healthy decision making. The project will provide training and informational materials for use by judges and lawyers in their interactions with teen clients. How often these important topics are addressed in the courtroom – both before and after the training, will be measured.

*How much does it cost to get a pregnancy test?*

*Can I get birth control without anyone knowing?*

*My girlfriend and I only have sex with each other. Should I still get tested for STDs?*

*Where do I go to get private counseling?*



*The decision of when to begin a family is yours. Even if you've already started one, you can choose to get help with future reproductive planning and goal setting. Learning how to protect your health, practice safe sex and prevent pregnancy is **YOUR LEGAL RIGHT!** And you don't need permission from your parent, guardian or partner. It's your body and it's your right!*

## TEEN RESOURCES

### LEGAL

Children's Law Center

[www.clccal.org](http://www.clccal.org)

323.980.1700

Public Counsel

[www.publiccounsel.org](http://www.publiccounsel.org)

800.870.8090

CA Women's Law Center

[www.cwlc.org](http://www.cwlc.org)

323.951.1041

LA Gay & Lesbian Center

[www.laglc.org](http://www.laglc.org)

323.993.7400

LA Center for Law & Justice

[www.laclj.org](http://www.laclj.org)

323.980.3500

### PREVENTION

Teen Source

[www.teensource.com](http://www.teensource.com)

Family PACT

[www.familypact.org](http://www.familypact.org)

800.942.1054

Crisis Line for Teens

800.843.5200

National Campaign's

Prevention Hotline

888.862.8432

### HEALTH:

Emergency Contraception

[www.not-2-late.com](http://www.not-2-late.com)

Or call: 800.576-5544

County Health Department

800.339.6993 or 211 (24 hours)

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# *Your Body Your Rights!*



*Breaking down myths with facts!*

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## KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!

*Children's Law Center of California has joined with Planned Parenthood to help empower you with the truth about sex, family planning and your rights.*

*Understanding what your options are is a key factor in you having a positive and productive future - so learn the facts!*

*We have included a list of websites, resources and clinics to help you learn what services are available whether you have health insurance or not. The more educated you are about healthy sex & prevention practices, the more power you will have over your life!*

*CLCCAL will continue being one of your strongest advocates!*

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS...  
EXERCISE YOUR OPTIONS...  
SHAPE YOUR FUTURE!

### ***DID YOU KNOW...***

*If you are a teen in California you have the right to private sexual health care. The clinic or doctor cannot tell anyone you were there unless you say it's okay!*

**MYTH:** *You need permission to get birth control.*

**FACT:** *There are many birth control choices from the pill to condoms to a shot. You have the legal right to make your own decisions about what kind of birth control you want... and it will be kept private.*

**MYTH:** *You need permission to have an abortion.*

**FACT:** *It is your right to decide when you want to start a family. No one can make you have an abortion or stop you from having one. There are low-cost to no-cost procedures available and the clinic will keep it private.*

**MYTH:** *You need permission to receive testing or treatment for STD's.*

**FACT:** *Often, Sexually Transmitted Infections and Diseases have no symptoms. If you've had unprotected sex, it is your right to get tested and no one will know.*

## PLANNED PARENTHOOD REFERRALS

Planned Parenthood offers a full range of private reproductive health care services for teens. In many cases these services are free. From pregnancy prevention, STD and HIV testing to goal setting, their staff has the answers you've been looking for. There are numerous clinics throughout Los Angeles County. Call today to find a clinic near you:

Planned Parenthood LA

800.576.5544

Planned Parenthood Pasadena/San Gabriel

800.230.7526

Planned Parenthood Orange County

714.633.6373

Planned Parenthood San Bernardino

909.890.5515

Pasadena Health Center

626.798.0706

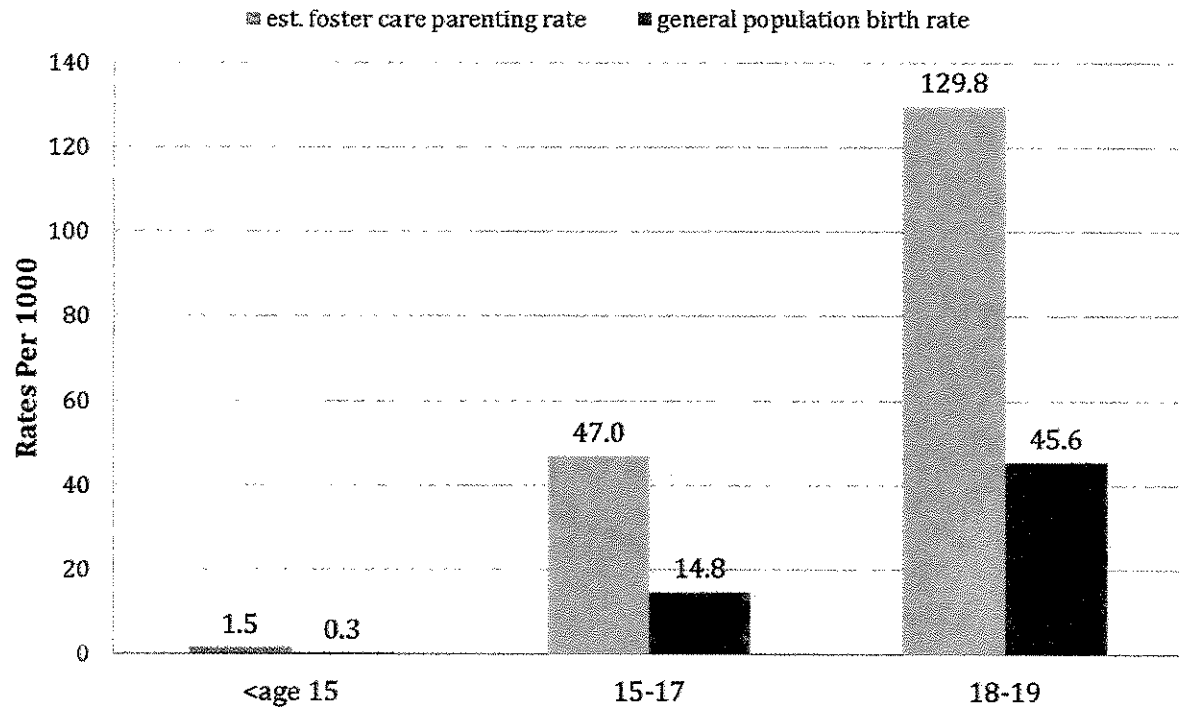
Eagle Rock Express Center

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Alhambra Health Center

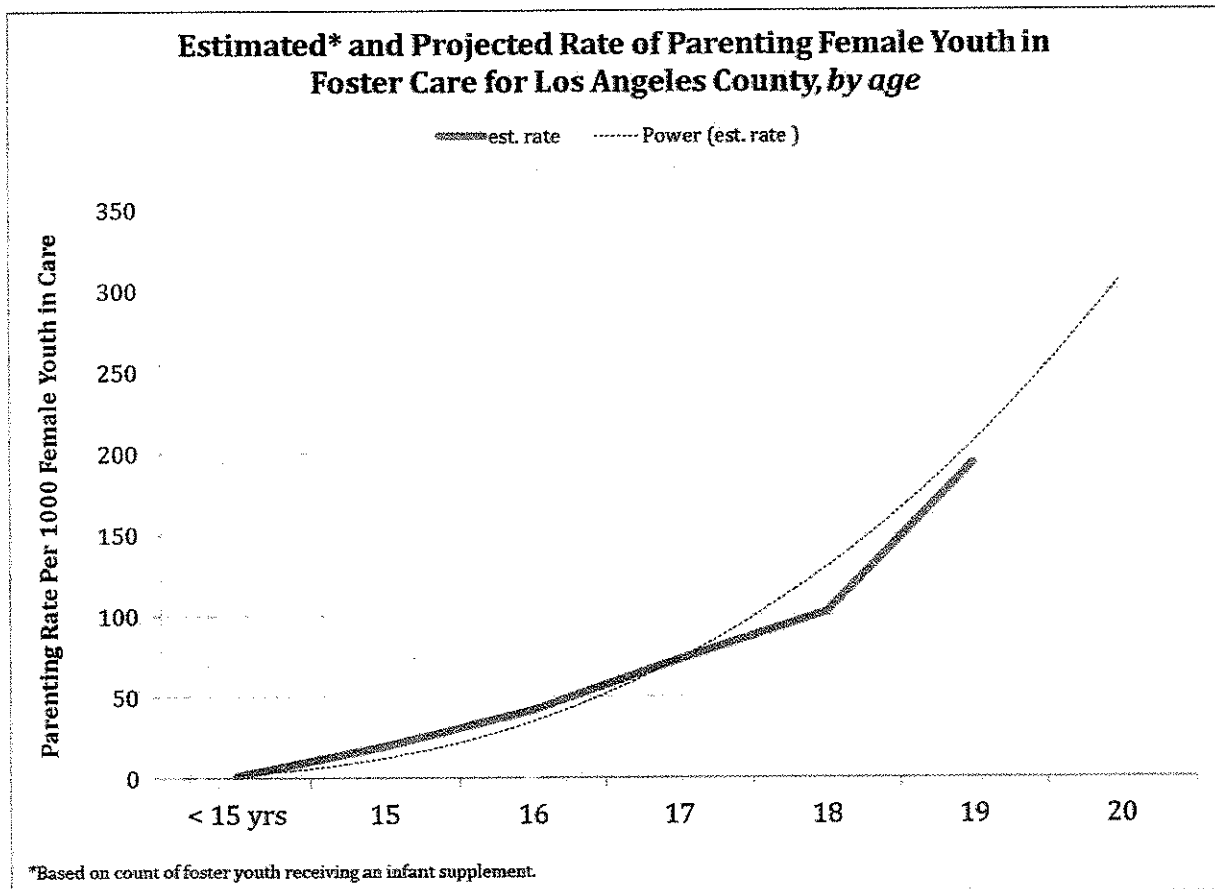
626.281.1550

**Estimated Rate of Female Foster Youth Currently Parenting vs.  
General Population Birth Rate Data,  
Los Angeles County by Age**



\*Based on count of foster youth receiving an infant supplement.

1. Rates of currently parenting female youth based on a (lower bound) count of 205 female youth in foster care (as of 2012) receiving an infant supplement, out of total count of females in foster care as of October 1, 2011 ([http://cssr.berkeley.edu/ucb\\_childwelfare](http://cssr.berkeley.edu/ucb_childwelfare)) .
1. General population birth rates in Los Angeles County for 2010 retrieved from the State of California Department of Public Health's Vital Statistics Query System.



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2. The projected rate of female 20 year olds in foster care who would be parenting (post AB 12) is roughly 254/1000. This means that if all 17 year old female youth currently in foster care as of October 2011 (835) were to remain in foster care through the age of 20 and until their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, an estimated 254 would be parenting at the time of exit based on these data.